

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): So, am I to understand that, with regard to the deviations made, the permission was taken by the Inspector or was not taken?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Permission was obtained by the Director from the Government.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether permission was taken in regard to the two deviations made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No; not in those two cases in which the back-ward communities were shown preference.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether in regard to any other case, seniority was over-looked?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have answered that question, Sir.

Construction of roads in rural areas.

219. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have taken any action on the motion carried by the Assembly during the (1109) Budget Session regarding the construction of roads in rural areas in the State;

(b) whether any mofussil road has been constructed in the Chirayinkil taluk since that Budget Session; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reason therefor?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) For want of funds.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the Government whether they have considered the motion passed by the Assembly during the 1109 Session with regard to the construction of roads in rural areas?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The answer is that it has been considered.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know whether the Government thought it necessary to construct roads in rural areas?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Government thought it necessary to construct roads in rural areas and we have estimates awaiting sanction of funds.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): A point of order. In the printed answer it is given that no action has been taken on the motion passed in the Assembly; but now the Government Member says that it has been considered. In view of the difference in the answers given, I wish to know whether the motion was considered and any action taken or it was not considered at all.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): What I was referring to, as a matter of fact, was that estimates have been prepared for some of the roads, but they are awaiting construction for want of funds. That is the only action taken.

PRESIDENT: Action has not materialised.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the Government whether the Government have any definite policy in distributing funds for the construction of roads in rural areas?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not think Government have any policy in distributing the funds.

PRESIDENT: Next question, please.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I was about to ask a question.

PRESIDENT: On what?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): As supplementary to question No. 219.

PRESIDENT: I have called the next question. You were not able to catch the eye of the Chair. Is that so? But, of course, if it is an important question, I have no objection to allow it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What I wish to know is whether the passing of that motion during the Budget Session had in any way changed the policy of the Government with regard to the construction of roads in rural areas.

PRESIDENT: I am afraid that that question cannot be answered. It is a question which comes under information as to change of policy.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the passing of the motion has affected the policy of the Government?

PRESIDENT: You want to know whether, as a result of that, the Government have taken any action. If that be so, the Chief Engineer says he has, but for want of funds, the construction is awaiting.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): He says that no action has been taken.

PRESIDENT: He told the House that there are some estimates and that, if money is given, he will be able to get through the required work.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What I want to know is whether the preparation of the estimates is the result of the motion that has been passed by this House.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I am afraid I cannot say that.

Roads in the Chirayinkil taluk.

320. **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state: